Indians affected by Tsunami in foreign countries

367. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Indians working in foreign countries become victims of the Tsunami of December, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise and State-wise;

(c) if so, whether any relief has been granted to the victims/family members of these victims; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) A Statement giving details of the Indians who became victims of the Tsunami of December, 2004 is enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) It is not known whether any relief has been provided to the victims/family members of Tsunami 2004 by the concerned foreign governments.

Statement

Indians affected by Tsunami in foreign countries

S.No.	Country	Details of the Victims
1.	Indonesia (Jakarta)	Indian working in Indonesia have not been affected by theTsunami of December, 2004. However, one Mr. A.K. Padmanabhan, who was working with Indian company M/s. Enercon, Enerco Systems Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, had come on a temporary visit to Indonesian Company M/s. Lafarge Semen Andalas, Jakarta. When he was visiting their factory located at PT Semen Andalas, Bander Aceh, Indonesia, he became victim of Tsunami and is reported dead.
2.	Sri Lanka (Colombo)	No Indian national working in Sri Lanka was affected the Tsunami disaster on 26.12.2004. However, thirteen (13) Indian nationals who were in Sri Lanka for

S.No.	Country	Details of the Victims
		tourism died in the disaster. One 12 year old boy was also reported missing in the disaster.
3.	Thailand (Bangkok)	According to information received from Embassy of India, Bangkok, one Indian national, Mrs. Sangeeta Tushar, who was on a visit to Thailand at that time, died in Phuket (Thailand).
4.	Maldives	Two cases have come to the Ministry's notice. These are (a) Shri Paul Joseph who suffered serious injuries and (b) Shri M.A. Joseph Prem Kumar who lost all his personal effects.

Refusal by Pakistan to play cricket at Ahmedabad

368. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has refused to play cricket in Ahmedabad due to political reasons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. The Government of Pakistan has not cited any political reasons for not playing cricket in Ahmedabad.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-Japanese Cooperation

369. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan has expressed willingness to work with India to establish a Tsunami early warning mechanism in the Indian Ocean and grant concessional loan assistance, if sought by India;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether as a part of ongoing high level contracts, three key Japanese Ministers have visited India in January, 2005 to discuss ways to bolster bilateral ties; and